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Subject: Fishing Year 2000 Preliminary Estimates - Atlantic Swordfish Quota Update

The 2000 fishing year for North and South Atlantic swordfish began June 1, 2000, and ends May 31, 2001.

As of MAY 31, 2001, preliminary estimates of North Atlantic swordfish landed in the fishing year beginning June 1, 2000, and ending May 31, 2001, indicate that:

- S 2,066,432 lbs dw have been landed in the directed category, or 98% of the quota for the FIRST SEMIANNUAL period. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 48,882 lbs dw remains of the first semiannual quota.
- S 1,685,028 lbs dw have been landed in the directed category, or 80% of the quota for the SECOND SEMIANNUAL period, Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 430,286 lbs dw remains of the second semiannual quota.
- S 12,280 lbs dw have been landed in the incidental category, or 2.0% of the annual quota. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 649,100 lbs dw remains to be landed through May 31, 2001.

As of MAY 31, 2001, preliminary estimates of South Atlantic swordfish landed in the fishing year beginning June 1, 2000, and ending May 31, 2001, indicate that:

- S 68,013 lbs dw have been landed in the directed category, or 11% of the annual quota. Therefore, subject to late reports, NMFS estimates that 569,116 lbs dw remain to be landed through May 31, 2001.